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1	TITLE IV—PROMOTING IN-
2	FORMED PARENTAL CHOICE AND
3	INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
4	PART A—INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
5	SEC. 401. PROMOTING INFORMED PARENTAL CHOICE AND
6	INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.
7	Title IV is amended to read as follows:
8	"TITLE IV—PROMOTING IN-
9	FORMED PARENTAL CHOICE
10	AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
11	"PART A—INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS
12	"SEC. 4101. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.
13	"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that this part—
14	"(1) provides flexibility to meet local needs;
15	"(2) promotes local and State education re-
16	forms;
17	"(3) contributes to the improvement of aca-
18	demic achievement for all students;
19	"(4) provides funding for critical activities; and
20	"(5) provides services for private school stu-
21	dents.
22	"(b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of
23	programs under this part—
24	"(1) to provide funding to enable States and
25	local educational agencies to implement promising



1	educational reform programs and school improve-
2	ment initiatives based on scientifically based re-
3	search;
4	"(2) to provide a continuing source of innova-
5	tion and educational improvement, including support
6	for library services and instructional and media ma-
7	terials; and
8	"(3) to meet the educational needs of all stu-
9	dents, including at-risk youth.
10	"(c) STATE AND LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY.—
11	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The States shall have the
12	basic responsibility for the administration of funds
13	made available under this part, but such administra-
14	tion shall be carried out with a minimum of paper-
15	work.
16	"(2) Design and implementation.—Not-
17	withstanding paragraph (1), local educational agen-
18	cies, school superintendents and principals, and
19	classroom teachers and supporting personnel shall be
20	mainly responsible for the design and implementa-
21	tion of programs assisted under this part, because
22	such agencies and individuals have the most direct
23	contact with students and are most likely to be able

to design programs to meet the educational needs of

students in their own school districts.



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1	"Subpart 1—State and Local Programs
2	"SEC. 4111. ALLOCATION TO STATES.
3	"(a) RESERVATIONS.—From the sums appropriated
4	to carry out this part for each fiscal year, the Secretary
5	shall reserve not more than 1 percent for payments to out-
6	lying areas to be allotted in accordance with their respec-
7	tive needs.
8	"(b) Allocation of Remainder.—From the re-
9	mainder of such sums, the Secretary shall allocate, and
10	make available in accordance with this part, to each State
11	an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of
12	such remainder as the school-age population of the State
13	bears to the school-age population of all States, except
14	that no State shall receive less than an amount equal to
15	½ of 1 percent of such remainder.
16	"SEC. 4112. ALLOCATION TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
17	CIES.
18	"(a) DISTRIBUTION RULE.—
19	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
20	from the sums made available each year to carry out
21	this part, the State shall distribute not less than 85
22	percent to local educational agencies within such
23	State according to the relative enrollments in public

and private, nonprofit schools within the jurisdic-

tions of such agencies, adjusted, in accordance with

criteria approved by the Secretary, to provide higher



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1	per-pupil allocations to local educational agencies
2	that have the greatest numbers or percentages of
3	children whose education imposes a higher than av-
4	erage cost per child, such as—
5	"(A) children living in areas with high con-
6	centrations of economically disadvantaged fami-
7	lies;
8	"(B) children from economically disadvan-
9	taged families; and
10	"(C) children living in sparsely populated
11	areas.
12	"(2) Exception.—100 percent of any amount
13	by which the funds paid to a State under this part
14	for a fiscal year exceed the amount of such funds
15	paid to the State for fiscal year 2001 shall be dis-
16	tributed to local educational agencies and used lo-
17	cally for innovative assistance described in section
18	4131(b).
19	"(3) Limitation on administrative costs.—
20	Not more than 4 percent of the funds paid to a
21	State under this part for a fiscal year may be used
22	by the agency for administration and supervision of
23	programs assisted under this part.
24	"(b) Calculation of Enrollments.—



1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The calculation of relative
2	enrollments under subsection (a)(1) shall be on the
3	basis of the total of—
4	"(A) the number of children enrolled in
5	public schools; and
6	"(B) the number of children enrolled in
7	private, nonprofit schools whose parents would
8	like their children to participate in programs or
9	projects assisted under this part, for the fiscal
10	year preceding the fiscal year for which the de-
11	termination is made.
12	"(2) Construction.—Nothing in this sub-
13	section shall diminish the responsibility of each local
14	educational agency to contact, on an annual basis,
15	appropriate officials from private nonprofit schools
16	within the areas served by such agencies in order to
17	determine whether such schools desire that their
18	children participate in programs assisted under this
19	subpart.
20	"(3) Adjustments.—
21	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Relative enrollments
22	calculated under subsection (a)(1) shall be ad-
23	justed, in accordance with criteria approved by
24	the Secretary under subparagraph (B), to pro-

vide higher per-pupil allocations only to local



1	educational agencies that serve the greatest
2	numbers or percentages of—
3	"(i) children living in areas with high
4	concentrations of economically disadvan-
5	taged families;
6	"(ii) children from economically dis-
7	advantaged families; or
8	"(iii) children living in sparsely popu-
9	lated areas.
10	"(B) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall re-
11	view criteria submitted by a State for adjusting
12	allocations under paragraph (1) and shall ap-
13	prove such criteria only if the Secretary deter-
14	mines that such criteria are reasonably cal-
15	culated to produce an adjusted allocation that
16	reflects the relative needs of the State's local
17	educational agencies based on the factors set
18	forth in subparagraph (A).
19	"(c) Payment of Allocations.—
20	"(1) DISTRIBUTION.—From the funds paid to a
21	State under this part for a fiscal year, a State shall
22	distribute to each eligible local educational agency
23	that has submitted an application as required in sec-

tion 4133 the amount of such local educational



1	agency's allocation, as determined under subsection
2	(a).
3	"(2) Additional funds.—
4	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Additional funds re-
5	sulting from higher per-pupil allocations pro-
6	vided to a local educational agency on the basis
7	of adjusted enrollments of children described in
8	subsection (a)(1) may, in the discretion of the
9	local educational agency, be allocated for ex-
10	penditures to provide services for children en-
11	rolled in public and private, nonprofit schools in
12	direct proportion to the number of children de-
13	scribed in subsection (a)(1) and enrolled in
14	such schools within the local educational agen-
15	cy.
16	"(B) ELECTION.—In any fiscal year, any
17	local educational agency that elects to allocate
18	such additional funds in the manner described
19	in subparagraph (A) shall allocate all additional
20	funds to schools within the local educational
21	agency in such manner.
22	"(C) CONSTRUCTION.—Subparagraphs (A)
23	and (B) may not be construed to require any

school to limit the use of the additional funds

described in subparagraph (A) to the provision



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1	of services to specific students or categories of
2	students.
3	"Subpart 2—State Programs
4	"SEC. 4121. STATE USE OF FUNDS.
5	"A State may use funds made available for State use
6	under this part only for—
7	"(1) State administration of programs under
8	this part including—
9	"(A) supervision of the allocation of funds
10	to local educational agencies;
11	"(B) planning, supervision, and processing
12	of State funds; and
13	"(C) monitoring and evaluation of pro-
14	grams and activities under this part;
15	"(2) support for planning, designing, and initial
16	implementation of charter schools as described in
17	part B;
18	"(3) statewide education reform and school im-
19	provement activities and technical assistance and di-
20	rect grants to local educational agencies which assist
21	such agencies under section 4131; and
22	"(4) support for arrangements that provide for
23	independent analysis to measure and report on
24	school district achievement.



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l "SEC.	4122	STATE	APPI.I	CATIONS

2	"(a) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Any State that
3	desires to receive assistance under this part shall submit
4	to the Secretary an application that—

"(1) provides for an annual statewide summary of how assistance under this part is contributing toward improving student achievement or improving the quality of education for students;

"(2) provides information setting forth the allocation of such funds required to implement section 4142;

"(3) provides that the State will keep such records and provide such information to the Secretary as may be required for fiscal audit and program evaluation (consistent with the responsibilities of the Secretary under this section);

"(4) provides assurance that, apart from technical and advisory assistance and monitoring compliance with this part, the State has not exercised and will not exercise any influence in the decisionmaking processes of local educational agencies as to the expenditure made pursuant to an application under section 4133;

"(5) contains assurances that there is compliance with the specific requirements of this part; and



1	"(6) prov	ides	for t	timely public	notice and	public
2	dissemination	of	the	information	provided	under
3	paragraph (2).					

- "(b) STATEWIDE SUMMARY.—The statewide sum-4 mary referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be submitted to the Secretary and shall be derived from the evaluation information submitted by local educational agencies to the State under section 4133(a)(8). The format and content 8 of such summary shall be in the discretion of the State and may include statistical measures such as the number of students served by each type of innovative assistance
- described in section 4131(b), including the number of teachers trained.
- "(c) Period of Application.—An application filed by the State under subsection (a) shall be for a period not to exceed 3 years, and may be amended annually as may be necessary to reflect changes without filing a new 17 application. 18
- 19 "(d) AUDIT LIMITATION.—Each local educational agency receiving less than an average of \$5,000 under this part may not be audited more frequently than once every 5 years.



1	"Subpart	3—Local	<b>Innovative</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Programs</b>
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7.	"SEC.	4131.	USE (	OF I	FUNDS	١.

3	"(a)	ΙN	GENERAL.	—Funds	made	available	to	local
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- 4 educational agencies under section 4112 shall be used for
- 5 innovative assistance described in subsection (b).
- 6 "(b) Innovative Assistance.—The innovative as-
- 7 sistance programs referred to in subsection (a) may
- 8 include—
- 9 "(1) professional development activities and the
- hiring of teachers, including activities carried out in
- accordance with title II, that give teachers, prin-
- cipals, and administrators the knowledge and skills
- to provide students with the opportunity to meet
- challenging State or local content standards and stu-
- dent achievement standards:
- 16 "(2) technology related to the implementation
- of school-based reform programs, including profes-
- sional development to assist teachers, and other
- school officials, regarding how to use effectively such
- 20 equipment and software;
- 21 "(3) programs for the development or acquisi-
- tion and use of instructional and educational mate-
- rials, including library services and materials (in-
- cluding media materials), assessments, reference ma-
- terials, computer software and hardware for instruc-
- tional use, and other curricular materials that are



1	tied to high academic standards, that will be used to
2	improve student achievement, and that are part of
3	an overall education reform program;
4	"(4) promising education reform projects, in-
5	cluding effective schools and magnet schools;
6	"(5) programs to improve the academic skills of
7	disadvantaged elementary and secondary school stu-
8	dents and to prevent students from dropping out of
9	school;
10	"(6) programs to combat illiteracy;
11	"(7) programs to provide for the educational
12	needs of gifted and talented children;
13	"(8) planning, designing, and initial implemen-
14	tation of charter schools as described in part B;
15	"(9) school improvement programs or activities
16	under sections 1116 and 1117;
17	"(10) community service programs that use
18	qualified school personnel to train and mobilize
19	young people to measurably strengthen their com-
20	munities through nonviolence, responsibility, com-
21	passion, respect, and moral courage;
22	"(11) activities to promote consumer, economic,
23	and personal finance education, such as dissemi-
24	nating and encouraging the best practices for teach-

ing the basic principles of economics and promoting



1	the concept of achieving financial literacy through
2	the teaching of personal financial management skills
3	(including the basic principles involved with earning,
4	spending, saving, and investing);
5	"(12) activities to promote, implement, or ex-
6	pand public school choice;
7	"(13) activities to promote, implement, or ex-
8	pand private school choice for disadvantaged chil-
9	dren in failing public schools;
10	"(14) expanding and improving school-based
11	mental health services, including early identification
12	of drug use and violence, assessment, and direct in-
13	dividual or group counseling services provided to stu-
14	dents, parents, and school personnel by qualified
15	school based mental health services personnel;
16	"(15) alternative educational programs for
17	those students who have been expelled or suspended
18	from their regular educational setting, including pro-
19	grams to assist students to reenter the regular edu-
20	cational setting upon return from treatment or alter-
21	native educational programs;
22	"(16) activities to improve the quality of civics



and government education to foster civic competence and responsibility, by educating students about the

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1	history and principles of the Constitution of the
2	United States, including the Bill of Rights; and
3	"(17) programs that improve academic achieve-
4	ment by strengthening arts education as an integral
5	part of the elementary and secondary school cur-
6	riculum.
7	"SEC. 4132. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.
8	"In order to conduct the activities authorized by this
9	part, each State or local educational agency may use funds
10	made available under this part to make grants to, and to
11	enter into contracts with, local educational agencies, insti-
12	tutions of higher education, libraries, museums, and other
13	public and private nonprofit agencies, organizations, and
14	institutions, including religious organizations.
15	"SEC. 4133. LOCAL APPLICATIONS.
16	"(a) Certification.—
17	"(1) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency
18	or a consortium of such agencies may receive an al-
19	location of funds under this part for any year for
20	which the agency or consortium submits an applica-



tion under this section that is certified by the State

under paragraph (2) to meet the requirements of

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this section.

1	"(1) describes locally identified needs relative to
2	the purposes of this part and to the innovative as-
3	sistance described in section 4131(b);
4	"(2) based on the needs identified in paragraph
5	(1), sets forth the planned allocation of funds among
6	innovative assistance programs described in section
7	4131 and describes the programs, projects, and ac-
8	tivities designed to carry out such innovative assist-
9	ance programs that the local educational agency in-
10	tends to support;
11	"(3) contains information setting forth the allo-
12	cation of such funds required to implement section
13	4142;
14	"(4) describes how assistance under this part
15	will contribute to improving student academic
16	achievement;
17	"(5) provides assurances of compliance with the
18	provisions of this part, including the participation of
19	children enrolled in private, nonprofit schools in ac-
20	cordance with section 4142;
21	"(6) provides assurance that the local edu-
22	cational agency will keep such records, and provide
23	such information to the State as may be reasonably

required for fiscal audit and program evaluation,



1	consistent with the responsibilities of the State
2	under this part;
3	"(7) provides in the allocation of funds for the
4	assistance authorized by this part, and in the design,
5	planning, and implementation of such programs, for
6	systematic consultation with parents of children at-
7	tending elementary and secondary schools in the
8	area served by the local educational agency, with
9	teachers and administrative personnel in such
10	schools, and with other groups involved in the imple-
11	mentation of this part (such as librarians, school
12	counselors, and other pupil services personnel) as
13	may be considered appropriate by the local edu-
14	cational agency; and
15	"(8) provides assurance that—
16	"(A) programs, services, and activities will
17	be evaluated annually;
18	"(B) such evaluation will be used to deter-
19	mine and implement appropriate changes in
20	program services and activities for the subse-
21	quent year;
22	"(C) such evaluation will describe how as-
23	sistance under this part contributed toward im-

proving student academic achievement; and



1	"(D) such evaluation will be submitted to
2	the State in the time and manner requested by
3	the State.
4	"(b) Time Period to Which Application Re-
5	LATES.—An application submitted by a local educational
6	agency under subsection (a) may seek allocations under
7	this part for a period of time not to exceed 3 fiscal years
8	and may be amended annually as may be necessary to re-
9	flect changes without the filing of a new application.
10	"(c) Local Educational Agency Discretion.—
11	"(1) In general.—Subject to the limitations
12	and requirements of this part, a local educational
13	agency shall have complete discretion in determining
14	how funds made available under this subpart will be
15	divided among programs and activities described in
16	section 4131.
17	"(2) Limitation.—In exercising the discretion
18	described in paragraph (1), a local educational agen-
19	cy shall ensure that expenditures under this subpart
20	carry out the purposes of this part and are used to

meet the educational needs within the schools of

such local educational agency.

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1	"Subpart	4—General	<b>Provisions</b>
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2	"SEC.	4141.	MAINTENANCE	OF	EFFORT;	FEDERAL	<b>FUNDS</b>
3			SUPPLEMENTA	ARY.			

### "(a) Maintenance of Effort.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a State is entitled to receive its full allocation of funds under this subpart for any fiscal year only if the Secretary determines that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures within the State with respect to the provision of free public education for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made was not less than 90 percent of such combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the fiscal year that is 2 fiscal years before the fiscal year for which the determination is made.

"(2) REDUCTION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall reduce the amount of the allocation of funds under this subpart in any fiscal year in the exact proportion to which the State fails to meet the requirements of paragraph (1) by falling below 90 percent of both the fiscal effort per student and aggregate expenditures (using the measure most favorable to the State), and no such lesser amount shall be used for computing the effort required under paragraph (1) for subsequent years.



1	"(3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive, for 1
2	fiscal year only, the requirements of this section is
3	the Secretary determines that such a waiver would
4	be equitable due to exceptional or uncontrollable cir-
5	cumstances such as a natural disaster or a precipi-
6	tous and unforeseen decline in the financial re-
7	sources of the State.
8	"(b) Federal Funds Supplementary.—A State
9	or local educational agency may use and allocate funds
10	received under this subpart only to supplement and, to the
11	extent practical, to increase the level of funds that would
12	in the absence of Federal funds made available under this
13	subpart, be made available from non-Federal sources, and
14	in no case may such funds be used so as to supplant funds
15	from non-Federal sources.
16	"SEC. 4142. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN
17	PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
18	"(a) Participation on Equitable Basis.—
19	"(1) In general.—To the extent consistent
20	with the number of children in the school district of
21	a local educational agency which is eligible to receive
22	funds under this part or which serves the area in
23	which a program or project assisted under this part
24	is located who are enrolled in private nonprofit ele-

mentary and secondary schools, or with respect to



1	instructional or personnel training programs funded
2	by the State from funds made available for State
3	use, such agency, after consultation with appropriate
4	private school officials—
5	"(A) shall provide for the benefit of such
6	children in such schools secular, neutral, and
7	nonideological services, materials, and equip-
8	ment, including the participation of the teach-
9	ers of such children (and other educational per-
10	sonnel serving such children) in training pro-
11	grams, and the repair or minor remodeling of
12	public facilities as may be necessary for their
13	provision (consistent with subsection (c) of this
14	section); or
15	"(B) if such services, materials, and equip-
16	ment are not feasible or necessary in 1 or more
17	such private schools as determined by the local
18	educational agency after consultation with the
19	appropriate private school officials, shall pro-
20	vide such other arrangements as will assure eq-
21	uitable participation of such children in the
22	purposes and benefits of this part.
23	"(2) Other provisions for services.—If no
24	program or project is carried out under paragraph

(1) in the school district of a local educational agen-



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cy, the State shall make arrangements, such as
through contracts with nonprofit agencies or organi-
zations, under which children in private schools in
such district are provided with services and mate-
rials to the extent that would have occurred if the
local educational agency had received funds under
this part.

"(3) APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements of this section relating to the participation of children, teachers, and other personnel serving such children shall apply to programs and projects carried out under this part by a State or local educational agency, whether directly or through grants to or contracts with other public or private agencies, institutions, or organizations.

### "(b) Equal Expenditures.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Expenditures for programs pursuant to subsection (a) shall be equal (consistent with the number of children to be served) to expenditures for programs under this part for children enrolled in the public schools of the local educational agency.

"(2) CONCENTRATED PROGRAMS.—Taking into account the needs of the individual children and other factors which relate to the expenditures re-



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ferred to in paragraph (1), and when funds available
to a local educational agency under this part are
used to concentrate programs or projects on a par-
ticular group, attendance area, or grade or age level,
children enrolled in private schools who are included
within the group, attendance area, or grade or age
level selected for such concentration shall, after con-
sultation with the appropriate private school offi-
cials, be assured equitable participation in the pur-
poses and benefits of such programs or projects.

### "(c) Administrative Rules.—

- "(1) Funds and property.—The control of funds provided under this part, and title to materials, equipment, and property repaired, remodeled, or constructed with such funds, shall be in a public agency for the uses and purposes provided in this part, and a public agency shall administer such funds and property.
- "(2) Provision of Services.—The provision of services pursuant to this part shall be provided by employees of a public agency or through contract by such public agency with a person, an association, agency, or corporation who or which, in the provision of such services, is independent of such private school and of any religious organizations, and such



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employment or contract shall be under the control
and supervision of such public agency, and the funds
provided under this part shall not be commingled
with State or local funds.

### "(d) WAIVER.—

"(1) STATE PROHIBITION WAIVER.—If by reason of any provision of law a State or local educational agency is prohibited from providing for the participation in programs of children enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools, as required by this section, the Secretary shall waive such requirements and shall arrange for the provision of services to such children through arrangements which shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

"(2) Failure to comply.—If the Secretary determines that a State or a local educational agency has substantially failed or is unwilling to provide for the participation on an equitable basis of children enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools as required by this section, the Secretary may waive such requirements and shall arrange for the provision of services to such children through arrangements which shall be subject to the requirements of this section.



1	"(e) WITHHOLDING OF ALLOCATION.—Pending final
2	resolution of any investigation or complaint that could re-
3	sult in a waiver under subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2), the Sec-
4	retary may withhold from the allocation of the affected
5	State or local educational agency the amount estimated
6	by the Secretary to be necessary to pay the cost of services
7	to be provided by the Secretary under such subsection.
8	"(f) TERM OF DETERMINATIONS.—Any determina-
9	tion by the Secretary under this section shall continue in
10	effect until the Secretary determines that there will no
11	longer be any failure or inability on the part of the State
12	or local educational agency to meet the requirements of
13	subsections (a) and (b).
14	"(g) PAYMENT FROM STATE ALLOTMENT.—When
15	the Secretary arranges for services pursuant to this sec-
16	tion, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the ap-

- tion, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the appropriate public and private school officials, pay the cost of such services, including the administrative costs of arranging for those services, from the appropriate allotment of the State under this part.
- 21 "(h) REVIEW.—
- "(1) WRITTEN OBJECTIONS.—The Secretary shall not take any final action under this section until the State and the local educational agency affected by such action have had an opportunity, for



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not less than 45 days after receiving written notice
thereof, to submit written objections and to appear
before the Secretary or the Secretary's designee to
show cause why that action should not be taken.

"(2) Court action.—If a State or local educational agency is dissatisfied with the Secretary's final action after a proceeding under paragraph (1), such agency may, not later than 60 days after notice of such action, file with the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which such State is located a petition for review of that action. A copy of the petition shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Secretary. The Secretary thereupon shall file in the court the record of the proceedings on which the Secretary based this action, as provided in section 2112 of title 28, United States Code.

"(3) REMAND TO SECRETARY.—The findings of fact by the Secretary, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive; but the court, for good cause shown, may remand the case to the Secretary to take further evidence and the Secretary may make new or modified findings of fact and may modify the Secretary's previous action, and shall file in the court the record of the further proceedings. Such



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1	new or	modified	findings	of	fact	shall	likewise	be
2	conclusi	ve if supp	orted by s	sub	stant	ial evi	dence.	

(4) COURT REVIEW.—Upon the filing of such
petition, the court shall have jurisdiction to affirm
the action of the Secretary or to set such action
aside, in whole or in part. The judgment of the court
shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of
the United States upon certification as
provided in section 1254 of title 28, United States
Code.

#### 11 "SEC. 4143. FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION.

- 12 "(a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, upon
- 13 request, shall provide technical assistance to States and
- 14 local educational agencies under this part.
- 15 "(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary shall issue regu-
- 16 lations under this part only to the extent that such regula-
- 17 tions are necessary to ensure that there is compliance with
- 18 the specific requirements and assurances required by this
- 19 part.
- 20 "(c) Availability of Appropriations.—Notwith-
- 21 standing any other provision of law, unless expressly in
- 22 limitation of this subsection, funds appropriated in any
- 23 fiscal year to carry out activities under this part shall be-
- 24 come available for obligation on July 1 of such fiscal year



1	and shall remain available for obligation until the en	d of
2	the subsequent fiscal year.	

- 3 "SEC. 4144. DEFINITIONS.
- 4 "In this part, the following definitions apply:
- 5 "(1) SCHOOL-AGE POPULATION.—The term 6 'school-age population' means the population aged 5 7 through 17.
- 8 "(2) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of 9 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the 10 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- 11 "SEC. 4145. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- "There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part \$472,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006.".
- 16 PART B—PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
- 17 SEC. 411. PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
- Part B of title IV is amended to read as follows:
- 19 **"PART B—PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**
- 20 "SEC. 4201. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.
- "(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—
- "(1) enhancement of parent and student choices among public schools can assist in promoting comprehensive educational reform and give more students the opportunity to learn to challenging State



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content standards and challenging State student
performance standards, if sufficiently diverse and
high-quality choices, and genuine opportunities to
take advantage of such choices, are available to all
students;

"(2) useful examples of such choices can come from States and communities that experiment with methods of offering teachers and other educators, parents, and other members of the public the opportunity to design and implement new public schools and to transform existing public schools;

"(3) charter schools are a mechanism for testing a variety of educational approaches and should, therefore, be exempted from restrictive rules and regulations if the leadership of such schools commits to attaining specific and ambitious educational results for educationally disadvantaged students consistent with challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards for all students;

"(4) charter schools, as such schools have been implemented in a few States, can embody the necessary mixture of enhanced choice, exemption from restrictive regulations, and a focus on learning gains;



1	"(5) charter schools, including charter schools
2	that are schools-within-schools, can help reduce
3	school size, which reduction can have a significant
4	effect on student achievement;
5	"(6) the Federal Government should test, evalu-
6	ate, and disseminate information on a variety of
7	charter school models in order to help demonstrate
8	the benefits of this promising educational reform;
9	and
10	"(7) there is a strong documented need for
11	cash-flow assistance to charter schools that are
12	starting up, because State and local operating rev-
13	enue streams are not immediately available.
14	"(b) Purpose.—It is the purpose of this part to in-
15	crease national understanding of the charter schools model
16	by—
17	"(1) providing financial assistance for the plan-
18	ning, program design and initial implementation of
19	charter schools;
20	"(2) evaluating the effects of such schools, in-
21	cluding the effects on students, student achievement,
22	staff, and parents; and
23	"(3) expanding the number of high-quality
24	charter schools available to students across the Na-



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ı	SFC.	4202	PROGRAM	AUTHORIZED

2	"(a) In General.—The Secretary may award grants
3	to State educational agencies having applications approved
4	pursuant to section 4203 to enable such agencies to con-
5	duct a charter school grant program in accordance with
6	this part.

"(b) Special Rule.—If a State educational agency elects not to participate in the program authorized by this part or does not have an application approved under section 4203, the Secretary may award a grant to an eligible applicant that serves such State and has an application approved pursuant to section 4203(c).

## "(c) Program Periods.—

"(1) GRANTS TO STATES.—Grants awarded to State educational agencies under this part shall be awarded for a period of not more than 3 years.

"(2) GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—
Grants awarded by the Secretary to eligible applicants or subgrants awarded by State educational agencies to eligible applicants under this part shall be awarded for a period of not more than 3 years, of which the eligible applicant may use—

23 "(A) not more than 18 months for plan-24 ning and program design;

"(B) not more than 2 years for the initial implementation of a charter school; and



1	"(C) not more than 2 years to carry out
2	dissemination activities described in section
3	4204(f)(6)(B).
4	"(d) LIMITATION.—A charter school may not
5	receive—
6	"(1) more than one grant for activities de-
7	scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection
8	(c)(2); or
9	"(2) more than one grant for activities under
10	subparagraph (C) of subsection (c)(2).
11	"(e) Priority Treatment.—In awarding grants
12	under this part from any funds appropriated under section
13	4211, the Secretary shall give priority to States to the ex-
14	tent that the States meet the criteria described in para-
15	graph (2) and one or more of the criteria described in sub-
16	paragraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (3).
17	"(2) REVIEW AND EVALUATION PRIORITY CRI-
18	TERIA.—The criteria referred to in paragraph (1) is
19	that the State provides for periodic review and eval-
20	uation by the authorized public chartering agency of
21	each charter school, at least once every 5 years un-
22	less required more frequently by State law, to deter-
23	mine whether the charter school is meeting the
24	terms of the school's charter, and is meeting or ex-

ceeding the academic performance requirements and



1	goals for charter schools as set forth under State
2	law or the school's charter.
3	"(3) PRIORITY CRITERIA.—The criteria referred
4	to in paragraph (1) are the following:
5	"(A) The State has demonstrated progress,
6	in increasing the number of high quality charter
7	schools that are held accountable in the terms
8	of the schools' charters for meeting clear and
9	measurable objectives for the educational
10	progress of the students attending the schools,
11	in the period prior to the period for which a
12	State educational agency or eligible applicant
13	applies for a grant under this part.
14	"(B) The State—
15	"(i) provides for one authorized public
16	chartering agency that is not a local edu-
17	cational agency, such as a State chartering
18	board, for each individual or entity seeking
19	to operate a charter school pursuant to
20	such State law; or
21	"(ii) in the case of a State in which
22	local educational agencies are the only au-
23	thorized public chartering agencies, allows
24	for an appeals process for the denial of an

application for a charter school.



1	"(C) The State ensures that each charter
2	school has a high degree of autonomy over the
3	charter school's budgets and expenditures.
4	"(f) Amount Criteria.—In determining the amount
5	of a grant to be awarded under this part to a State edu-
6	cational agency, the Secretary shall take into consider-
7	ation the number of charter schools that are operating,
8	or are approved to open, in the State.
9	"SEC. 4203. APPLICATIONS.
10	"(a) APPLICATIONS FROM STATE AGENCIES.—Each
11	State educational agency desiring a grant from the Sec-
12	retary under this part shall submit to the Secretary an
13	application at such time, in such manner, and containing
14	or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
15	require.
16	"(b) Contents of a State Educational Agency
17	APPLICATION.—Each application submitted pursuant to
18	subsection (a) shall—
19	"(1) describe the objectives of the State edu-



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1	"(2) describe how the State educational
2	agency—
3	"(A) will inform each charter school in the
4	State regarding—
5	"(i) Federal funds that the charter
6	school is eligible to receive; and
7	"(ii) Federal programs in which the
8	charter school may participate;
9	"(B) will ensure that each charter school
10	in the State receives the charter school's com-
11	mensurate share of Federal education funds
12	that are allocated by formula each year, includ-
13	ing during the first year of operation of the
14	charter school; and
15	"(C) will disseminate best or promising
16	practices of charter schools to each local edu-
17	cational agency in the State; and
18	"(3) contain assurances that the State edu-
19	cational agency will require each eligible applicant
20	desiring to receive a subgrant to submit an applica-
21	tion to the State educational agency containing—
22	"(A) a description of the educational pro-
23	gram to be implemented by the proposed char-
24	ter school, including—



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1	"(i) how the program will enable all
2	students to meet challenging State student
3	performance standards;
4	"(ii) the grade levels or ages of chil-
5	dren to be served; and
6	"(iii) the curriculum and instructional
7	practices to be used;
8	"(B) a description of how the charter
9	school will be managed;
10	"(C) a description of—
11	"(i) the objectives of the charter
12	school; and
13	"(ii) the methods by which the charter
14	school will determine its progress toward
15	achieving those objectives;
16	"(D) a description of the administrative re-
17	lationship between the charter school and the
18	authorized public chartering agency;
19	"(E) a description of how parents and
20	other members of the community will be in-
21	volved in the planning, program design and im-
22	plementation of the charter school;
23	"(F) a description of how the authorized
24	public chartering agency will provide for contin-
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ued operation of the school once the Federal



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1	grant has expired, if such agency determines
2	that the school has met the objectives described
3	in subparagraph (C)(i);
4	"(G) a request and justification for waivers
5	of any Federal statutory or regulatory provi-
6	sions that the applicant believes are necessary
7	for the successful operation of the charter
8	school, and a description of any State or local
9	rules, generally applicable to public schools,
10	that will be waived for, or otherwise not apply
11	to, the school;
12	"(H) a description of how the subgrant
13	funds or grant funds, as appropriate, will be
14	used, including a description of how such funds
15	will be used in conjunction with other Federal
16	programs administered by the Secretary;
17	"(I) a description of how students in the
18	community will be—
19	"(i) informed about the charter
20	school; and
21	"(ii) given an equal opportunity to at-
22	tend the charter school;
23	"(J) an assurance that the eligible appli-
24	cant will annually provide the Secretary and the

State educational agency such information as



1	may be required to determine if the charter
2	school is making satisfactory progress toward
3	achieving the objectives described in subpara-
4	graph (C)(i);
5	"(K) an assurance that the applicant will
6	cooperate with the Secretary and the State edu-
7	cational agency in evaluating the program as-
8	sisted under this part;
9	"(L) a description of how a charter school
10	that is considered a local educational agency
11	under State law, or a local educational agency
12	in which a charter school is located, will comply
13	with sections $613(a)(5)$ and $613(e)(1)(B)$ of the
14	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
15	"(M) if the eligible applicant desires to use
16	subgrant funds for dissemination activities
17	under section $4202(c)(2)(C)$ , a description of
18	those activities and how those activities will in-
19	volve charter schools and other public schools,
20	local educational agencies, developers, and po-
21	tential developers; and
22	"(N) such other information and assur-
23	ances as the Secretary and the State edu-

cational agency may require.



1	"(c) Contents of Eligible Applicant Applica-
2	TION.—Each eligible applicant desiring a grant pursuant
3	to section 4202(b) shall submit an application to the State
4	educational agency or Secretary, respectively, at such
5	time, in such manner, and accompanied by such informa-
6	tion as the State educational agency or Secretary, respec-
7	tively, may reasonably require.
8	"(d) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each application
9	submitted pursuant to subsection (c) shall contain—
10	"(1) the information and assurances described
11	in subparagraphs (A) through (N) of subsection
12	(b)(3), except that for purposes of this subsection
13	subparagraphs (J), (K), and (N) of such subsection
14	shall be applied by striking 'and the State edu-
15	cational agency' each place such term appears; and
16	"(2) assurances that the State educational
17	agency—
18	"(A) will grant, or will obtain, waivers of
19	State statutory or regulatory requirements; and
20	"(B) will assist each subgrantee in the
21	State in receiving a waiver under section
22	4204(e).
23	"SEC. 4204. ADMINISTRATION.
24	"(a) Selection Criteria for State Edu-
25	CATIONAL AGENCIES.—The Secretary shall award grants



1	to State educational agencies under this part on the basis
2	of the quality of the applications submitted under section
3	4203(b), after taking into consideration such factors as—
4	"(1) the contribution that the charter schools
5	grant program will make to assisting educationally
6	disadvantaged and other students to achieving State
7	content standards and State student performance
8	standards and, in general, a State's education im-
9	provement plan;
10	"(2) the degree of flexibility afforded by the
11	State educational agency to charter schools under
12	the State's charter schools law;
13	"(3) the ambitiousness of the objectives for the
14	State charter school grant program;
15	"(4) the quality of the strategy for assessing
16	achievement of those objectives;
17	"(5) the likelihood that the charter school grant
18	program will meet those objectives and improve edu-
19	cational results for students;
20	"(6) the number of high quality charter schools
21	created under this part in the State; and
22	"(7) in the case of State educational agencies
23	that propose to use grant funds to support dissemi-

nation activities under section 4202(c)(2)(C), the



1	quality of those activities and the likelihood that
2	those activities will improve student achievement.
3	"(b) Selection Criteria for Eligible Appli-
4	CANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants to eligible ap-
5	plicants under this part on the basis of the quality of the
6	applications submitted under section 4203(c), after taking
7	into consideration such factors as—
8	"(1) the quality of the proposed curriculum and
9	instructional practices;
10	"(2) the degree of flexibility afforded by the
11	State educational agency and, if applicable, the local
12	educational agency to the charter school;
13	"(3) the extent of community support for the
14	application;
15	"(4) the ambitiousness of the objectives for the
16	charter school;
17	"(5) the quality of the strategy for assessing
18	achievement of those objectives;
19	"(6) the likelihood that the charter school will
20	meet those objectives and improve educational re-
21	sults for students; and
22	"(7) in the case of an eligible applicant that
23	proposes to use grant funds to support dissemina-

tion activities under section 4202(c)(2)(C), the qual-



1	ity of those activities and the likelihood that those
2	activities will improve student achievement

- 3 "(c) PEER REVIEW.—The Secretary, and each State
- 4 educational agency receiving a grant under this part, shall
- 5 use a peer review process to review applications for assist-
- 6 ance under this part.
- 7 "(d) DIVERSITY OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary and
- 8 each State educational agency receiving a grant under this
- 9 part, shall award subgrants under this part in a manner
- 10 that, to the extent possible, ensures that such grants and
- 11 subgrants—
- 12 "(1) are distributed throughout different areas
- of the Nation and each State, including urban and
- 14 rural areas; and
- 15 "(2) will assist charter schools representing a
- variety of educational approaches, such as ap-
- proaches designed to reduce school size.
- 18 "(e) WAIVERS.—The Secretary may waive any statu-
- 19 tory or regulatory requirement over which the Secretary
- 20 exercises administrative authority except any such require-
- 21 ment relating to the elements of a charter school described
- 22 in section 4210(1), if—
- "(1) the waiver is requested in an approved ap-
- plication under this part; and



1	"(2) the Secretary determines that granting
2	such a waiver will promote the purpose of this part.
3	"(f) Use of Funds.—
4	"(1) State educational agencies.—Each
5	State educational agency receiving a grant under
6	this part shall use such grant funds to award sub-
7	grants to one or more eligible applicants in the State
8	to enable such applicant to plan and implement a
9	charter school in accordance with this part, except
10	that the State educational agency may reserve not
11	more than 10 percent of the grant funds to support
12	dissemination activities described in paragraph (6).
13	"(2) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—Each eligible ap-
14	plicant receiving funds from the Secretary or a State
15	educational agency shall use such funds to plan and
16	implement a charter school, or to disseminate infor-
17	mation about the charter school and successful prac-
18	tices in the charter school, in accordance with this
19	part.
20	"(3) Allowable activities.—An eligible ap-
21	plicant receiving a grant or subgrant under this part
22	may use the grant or subgrant funds only for—
23	"(A) post-award planning and design of

the educational program, which may include—



1	"(i) refinement of the desired edu-
2	cational results and of the methods for
3	measuring progress toward achieving those
4	results; and
5	"(ii) professional development of
6	teachers and other staff who will work in
7	the charter school; and
8	"(B) initial implementation of the charter
9	school, which may include—
10	"(i) informing the community about
11	the school;
12	"(ii) acquiring necessary equipment
13	and educational materials and supplies;
14	"(iii) acquiring or developing cur-
15	riculum materials; and
16	"(iv) other initial operational costs
17	that cannot be met from State or local
18	sources.
19	"(4) Administrative expenses.—Each State
20	educational agency receiving a grant pursuant to
21	this part may reserve not more than 5 percent of
22	such grant funds for administrative expenses associ-
23	ated with the charter school grant program assisted
24	under this part.



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"(5) Revolving loan funds.—Each State
educational agency receiving a grant pursuant to
this part may reserve not more than 10 percent of
the grant amount for the establishment of a revolv-
ing loan fund. Such fund may be used to make loans
to eligible applicants that have received a subgrant
under this part, under such terms as may be deter-
mined by the State educational agency, for the ini-
tial operation of the charter school grant program of
such recipient until such time as the recipient begins
receiving ongoing operational support from State or
local financing sources.
"(6) Dissemination.—
"(A) IN GENERAL.—A charter school may
apply for funds under this part whether or not
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the charter school has applied for or received funds under this part for planning, program de- sign, or implementation, to carry out the activi- ties described in subparagraph (B) if the char-

"(i) substantial progress in improving



1	"(ii) high levels of parent satisfaction;
2	and
3	"(iii) the management and leadership
4	necessary to overcome initial start-up prob-
5	lems and establish a thriving, financially
6	viable charter school.
7	"(B) ACTIVITIES.—A charter school de-
8	scribed in subparagraph (A) may use funds re-
9	served under paragraph (1) to assist other
10	schools in adapting the charter school's pro-
11	gram (or certain aspects of the charter school's
12	program), or to disseminate information about
13	the charter school, through such activities as—
14	"(i) assisting other individuals with
15	the planning and start-up of one or more
16	new public schools, including charter
17	schools, that are independent of the assist-
18	ing charter school and the assisting charter
19	school's developers, and that agree to be
20	held to at least as high a level of account-
21	ability as the assisting charter school;
22	"(ii) developing partnerships with
23	other public schools, including charter
24	schools, designed to improve student per-



1	formance in each of the schools partici-
2	pating in the partnership;
3	"(iii) developing curriculum materials,
4	assessments, and other materials that pro-
5	mote increased student achievement and
6	are based on successful practices within
7	the assisting charter school; and
8	"(iv) conducting evaluations and de-
9	veloping materials that document the suc-
10	cessful practices of the assisting charter
11	school and that are designed to improve
12	student performance in other schools.
13	"(g) Tribally Controlled Schools.—Each State
14	that receives a grant under this part and designates a trib-
15	ally controlled school as a charter school shall not consider
16	payments to a school under the Tribally Controlled
17	Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2507) in determining—
18	"(1) the eligibility of the school to receive any
19	other Federal, State, or local aid; or
20	"(2) the amount of such aid.
21	"SEC. 4205. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
22	"(a) In General.—The Secretary shall reserve for
23	each fiscal year the greater of 5 percent or \$5,000,000

24 of the amount appropriated to carry out this part, except



1	that in no fiscal year shall the total amount so reserved
2	exceed \$8,000,000, to carry out the following activities:
3	"(1) To provide charter schools, either directly
4	or through State educational agencies, with—
5	"(A) information regarding—
6	"(i) Federal funds that charter
7	schools are eligible to receive; and
8	"(ii) other Federal programs in which
9	charter schools may participate; and
10	"(B) assistance in applying for Federal
11	education funds that are allocated by formula,
12	including assistance with filing deadlines and
13	submission of applications.
14	"(2) To provide for other evaluations or studies
15	that include the evaluation of the impact of charter
16	schools on student achievement, including informa-
17	tion regarding—
18	"(A) students attending charter schools re-
19	ported on the basis of race, age, disability, gen-
20	der, limited English proficiency, and previous
21	enrollment in public school; and
22	"(B) the professional qualifications of
23	teachers within a charter school and the turn-
24	over of the teaching force.
25	"(3) To provide—



1	"(A) information to applicants for assist-
2	ance under this part;
3	"(B) assistance to applicants for assistance
4	under this part with the preparation of applica-
5	tions under section 4203;
6	"(C) assistance in the planning and start-
7	up of charter schools;
8	"(D) training and technical assistance to
9	existing charter schools; and
10	"(E) for the dissemination to other public
11	schools of best or promising practices in charter
12	schools.
13	"(4) To provide (including through the use of
14	one or more contracts that use a competitive bidding
15	process) for the collection of information regarding
16	the financial resources available to charter schools,
17	including access to private capital, and to widely dis-
18	seminate to charter schools any such relevant infor-
19	mation and model descriptions of successful pro-
20	grams.
21	"(b) Construction.—Nothing in this section shall
22	be construed to require charter schools to collect any data
23	described in subsection (a)



1 "SEC. 4206. FEDERAL FORMULA ALLOCATION DURING

2	FIRST YEAR AND FOR SUCCESSIVE ENROLL-
3	MENT EXPANSIONS.
4	"(a) In General.—For purposes of the allocation
5	to schools by the States or their agencies of funds under
6	part A of title I, and any other Federal funds which the
7	Secretary allocates to States on a formula basis, the Sec-
8	retary and each State educational agency shall take such
9	measures not later than 6 months after the date of the
10	enactment of the Charter School Expansion Act of 1998
11	as are necessary to ensure that every charter school re-
12	ceives the Federal funding for which the charter school
13	is eligible not later than 5 months after the charter school
14	first opens, notwithstanding the fact that the identity and
15	characteristics of the students enrolling in that charter
16	school are not fully and completely determined until that
17	charter school actually opens. The measures similarly shall
18	ensure that every charter school expanding its enrollment
19	in any subsequent year of operation receives the Federal
20	funding for which the charter school is eligible not later
21	than 5 months after such expansion.
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22 "(b) Adjustment and Late Openings.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The measures described in subsection (a) shall include provision for appropriate adjustments, through recovery of funds or reduction of payments for the succeeding year, in cases where

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payments made to a charter school on the basis of
estimated or projected enrollment data exceed the
amounts that the school is eligible to receive on the
basis of actual or final enrollment data.

"(2) RULE.—For charter schools that first open after November 1 of any academic year, the State, in accordance with guidance provided by the Secretary and applicable Federal statutes and regulations, shall ensure that such charter schools that are eligible for the funds described in subsection (a) for such academic year have a full and fair opportunity to receive those funds during the charter schools' first year of operation.

# 14 "SEC. 4207. SOLICITATION OF INPUT FROM CHARTER 15 SCHOOL OPERATORS.

"To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that administrators, teachers, and other individuals directly involved in the operation of charter schools are consulted in the development of any rules or regulations required to implement this part, as well as in the development of any rules or regulations relevant to charter

23 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.

schools that are required to implement part A of title I,

4 1400 et seq.), or any other program administered by the



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- 2 or regulates the activities of charter schools.
- 3 "SEC. 4208. RECORDS TRANSFER.
- 4 "State educational agencies and local educational
- 5 agencies, to the extent practicable, shall ensure that a stu-
- 6 dent's records and, if applicable, a student's individualized
- 7 education program as defined in section 602(11) of the
- 8 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
- 9 1401(11)), are transferred to a charter school upon the
- 10 transfer of the student to the charter school, and to an-
- 11 other public school upon the transfer of the student from
- 12 a charter school to another public school, in accordance
- 13 with applicable State law.
- 14 "SEC. 4209. PAPERWORK REDUCTION.
- 15 "To the extent practicable, the Secretary and each
- 16 authorized public chartering agency shall ensure that im-
- 17 plementation of this part results in a minimum of paper-
- 18 work for any eligible applicant or charter school.
- 19 **"SEC. 4210. DEFINITIONS.**
- "As used in this part:
- 21 "(1) The term 'charter school' means a public
- 22 school that—
- 23 "(A) in accordance with a specific State
- statute authorizing the granting of charters to
- schools, is exempted from significant State or



1	local rules that inhibit the flexible operation
2	and management of public schools, but not
3	from any rules relating to the other require-
4	ments of this paragraph;
5	"(B) is created by a developer as a public
6	school, or is adapted by a developer from an ex-
7	isting public school, and is operated under pub-
8	lic supervision and direction;
9	"(C) operates in pursuit of a specific set of
10	educational objectives determined by the
11	school's developer and agreed to by the author-
12	ized public chartering agency;
13	"(D) provides a program of elementary or
14	secondary education, or both;
15	"(E) is nonsectarian in its programs, ad-
16	missions policies, employment practices, and all
17	other operations, and is not affiliated with a
18	sectarian school or religious institution;
19	"(F) does not charge tuition;
20	"(G) complies with the Age Discrimination
21	Act of 1975, title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
22	1964, title IX of the Education Amendments of
23	1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of
24	1973, and part B of the Individuals with Dis-

abilities Education Act;



1	"(H) is a school to which parents choose to
2	send their children, and that admits students
3	on the basis of a lottery, or in another non-
4	discriminatory manner consistent with State
5	law, if more students apply for admission than
6	can be accommodated;
7	"(I) agrees to comply with the same Fed-
8	eral and State audit requirements as do other
9	elementary and secondary schools in the State,
10	unless such requirements are specifically waived
11	for the purpose of this program;
12	"(J) meets all applicable Federal, State,
13	and local health and safety requirements;
14	"(K) operates in accordance with State
15	law; and
16	"(L) has a written performance contract
17	with the authorized public chartering agency in
18	the State that includes a description of how
19	student performance will be measured in char-
20	ter schools pursuant to State assessments that
21	are required of other schools and pursuant to
22	any other assessments mutually agreeable to
23	the authorized public chartering agency and the

charter school.



1	"(2) The term 'developer' means an individua
2	or group of individuals (including a public or private
3	nonprofit organization), which may include teachers
4	administrators and other school staff, parents, or
5	other members of the local community in which a
6	charter school project will be carried out.
7	"(3) The term 'eligible applicant' means an au-
8	thorized public chartering agency participating in a
9	partnership with a developer to establish a charter
10	school in accordance with this part.
11	"(4) The term 'authorized public chartering
12	agency' means a State educational agency, local edu-
13	cational agency, or other public entity that has the
14	authority pursuant to State law and approved by the
15	Secretary to authorize or approve a charter school
16	"SEC. 4211. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
17	"For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are
18	authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000 for fiscal year
19	2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
20	4 succeeding fiscal years.".
21	PART C—SCHOOL CHOICE RESEARCH AND
22	DEMONSTRATION
23	SEC. 421. SCHOOL CHOICE RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRA
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Part C of title IV is amended to read as follows:



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- 2 "SEC. 4311. PURPOSE.
- 3 "The purpose of this part is to determine the effec-
- 4 tiveness of school choice in improving the academic
- 5 achievement of disadvantaged students and the overall
- 6 quality of public schools and local educational agencies.
- 7 "SEC. 4312. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.
- 8 "The Secretary is authorized to make competitive
- 9 awards to eligible entities to carry out and evaluate,
- 10 through contracts or grants, research projects that dem-
- 11 onstrate how school choice options increase the academic
- 12 achievement of students, schools, and local educational
- 13 agencies.
- 14 "SEC. 4313. ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.
- 15 "For purposes of this part an eligible entity is—
- 16 "(1) a State educational agency;
- 17 "(2) a county agency;
- 18 "(3) a municipal agency;
- 19 "(4) a local educational agency;
- 20 "(5) a nonprofit corporation; or
- 21 "(6) a consortia thereof.
- 22 "SEC. 4314. APPLICATIONS.
- 23 "Each eligible entity desiring an award under this
- 24 part shall submit an application to the Secretary that shall
- 25 include—



1	"(1) a description of the proposed research
2	project, including a designation from which local
3	educational agency or agencies eligible students will
4	be selected to participate in a choice program;
5	"(2) a description of the annual costs of the
6	project;
7	"(3) a description of the research design that
8	the eligible entity will employ in carrying out the
9	project;
10	"(4) a description of the project evaluation that
11	will be conducted by an independent third party en-
12	tity, including—
13	"(A) the name and qualifications of the
14	independent entity that will conduct the evalua-
15	tion; and
16	"(B) a description of how the evaluation
17	will measure the academic achievement of stu-
18	dents participating in the program, parental
19	satisfaction and the effect of the project on the
20	schools and agencies designated in paragraph
21	(1);
22	"(5) a description of how the eligible entity will
23	ensure the participation of students selected for the



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"(6) a description of the assessment that the el-
igible entity will use to assess annually the progress
of participants in the research project in grades 3
through 8 in mathematics and reading and how it is
comparable to assessments used by the agency or
agencies described under paragraph (1);
"(7) an assurance that the eligible entity will
assess all students that are participating in the pro-
gram or in the control group at the beginning of the
project;
"(8) an assurance that the eligible entity will
report annually to the Secretary on the impact of
the project on student achievement, including a dis-
cussion of the meaning and an attestation of validity
of the achievement data;
"(9) an assurance that, if the number of stu-
dents applying to participate in the project is greater
than the number of students the project can serve,
participants will be selected by lottery;
"(10) a description of how the amount that will
be provided directly to students for tuition, fees,
transportation, or supplemental services will be de-



1	"(11) an assurance that schools participating
2	under this part will abide by the nondiscrimination
3	requirements set forth in section 4319;
4	"(12) an assurance that eligible students receiv-
5	ing assistance under this part will not be defined by
6	reference to religion and that grants will be allocated
7	on the basis of neutral, secular criteria that neither
8	favor nor disfavor religion, and will be made avail-
9	able to children attending secular and nonsecular in-
10	stitutions on a nondiscriminatory basis; and
11	"(13) an assurance that no private school will
12	be required to participate in the project without its
13	consent.
14	"SEC. 4315. PRIORITIES.
15	"In awarding grants under this program, the Sec-
16	retary shall give priority to applications that—
17	"(1) provide students and families with the
18	widest range of educational options;
19	"(2) target resources to students and families
20	that lack the financial resources to take advantage
21	of available educational options;
22	"(3) are of sufficient size to have a significant
23	impact on the public and private schools of the com-

munity that the project serves;



1	"(4) propose using rigorous methodologies and
2	third party evaluators with experience in evaluating
3	school choice proposals; and
4	"(5) propose serving students of varying age
5	and grade levels.
6	"SEC. 4316. USE OF FUNDS.
7	"(a) In General.—A grantee may reserve up to 10
8	percent of its award for research and evaluation activities.
9	of which not more than 2 percent may be used for admin-
10	istrative purposes.
11	"(b) Grants to Students.—A grantee shall use at
12	least 90 percent of its award to provide grants to eligible
13	students, who shall use the grants to—
14	"(1) pay the eligible educational expenses, in-
15	cluding tuition, fees, and transportation expenses re-
16	quired to attend the school of their choice; or
17	"(2) purchase supplemental educational serv-
18	ices.
19	"(c) Assistance.—All grants provided to students
20	by the project shall be deemed assistance to students rath-
21	er than to schools.
22	"SEC. 4317. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.
23	"For purposes of the activities funded under this

24 part, an eligible student is defined as a student who—



1	"(1) is eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch
2	subsidy under the National School Lunch program;
3	and
4	"(2) attended a public elementary or secondary
5	school or was not yet of school age in the year pre-
6	ceding participation in this program.
7	"SEC. 4318. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
8	"(a) In General.—Each grantee receiving an award
9	under this program shall, beginning with the second year
10	of the project, report annually to the Secretary
11	regarding—
12	"(1) the activities carried out during the pre-
13	ceding 12 months with program funds; and
14	"(2) the results of the assessments given to stu-
15	dents participating in the program and students se-
16	lected for the control group.
17	"(b) Performance Reports.—In addition, each
18	grantee shall, in the third year of the research project,
19	report annually to the Secretary regarding—
20	"(1) the academic performance of students par-
21	ticipating in the project; and
22	"(2) parental satisfaction; and
23	"(3) changes in the overall performance and
24	quality of public and private elementary and sec-

ondary schools affected by the project, as well as



- other indicators such as teacher quality, innovative
- 2 reforms, or special programs.
- 3 "(c) Report to Congress.—The Secretary shall
- 4 submit to the appropriate congressional committees an an-
- 5 nual report on the findings of the reports submitted under
- 6 subsections (a) and (b), and include the comments of the
- 7 independent review panel in accordance with section
- 8 4019(3).
- 9 "SEC. 4319. NONDISCRIMINATION.
- 10 "(a) APPLICATION.—Except as provided in subpara-
- 11 graph (B), title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title
- 12 IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and section
- 13 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, do not apply to
- 14 a private school that enrolls an eligible child who receives
- 15 funds under this part by virtue of that child's use of those
- 16 funds to enroll at that school.
- 17 "(b) RIGHT AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS.—The eligible en-
- 18 tity shall ensure that a private school that enrolls an eligi-
- 19 ble child described in subparagraph (A) shall afford the
- 20 child the same rights against discrimination provided by
- 21 the statutes identified in that subparagraph, and shall af-
- 22 ford those same rights to any eligible child who applies
- 23 to enroll in that school.



1 "SEC. 4320. INDEPENDENT REVIEW PA
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2	"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
3	lish an independent review panel to advise the Secretary
4	on technical and methodological issues and in overseeing
5	the activities funded under this part.
6	"(b) МЕМВЕКSHIP.—The Secretary shall appoint
7	members of the independent review panel from among
8	qualified individuals who are—
9	"(A) specialists in school choice research
10	as well as experts in statistics, evaluation, re-
11	search, and assessment; and
12	"(B) other individuals with technical ex-
13	pertise who will contribute to the overall rigor
14	and quality of the evaluations.

- 15 "(c) Powers.—The independent review panel shall 16 consult with and advise the Secretary—
  - "(1) to ensure that the evaluations funded under this part adhere to the highest possible standards of quality with respect to research design and statistical analysis; and
    - "(2) to evaluate and comment on the degree to which annual reports submitted in accordance with section 4318 meet the requirements under subparagraph (A) with such comments included with the report submitted to the appropriate Congressional committees.



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2	"There	are	authorized	to	be	appropriated

- 3 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may
- 4 be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.".
- 5 PART D—MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE
- 6 SEC. 431. MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE.
- 7 Part D of title IV is amended to read as follows:
- 8 "PART D—MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE
- 9 "SEC. 4401. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.
- 10 "The purpose of this part is to assist in the desegre-
- 11 gation of schools served by local educational agencies by
- 12 providing financial assistance to eligible local educational
- 13 agencies for—
- 14 "(1) the elimination, reduction, or prevention of
- minority group isolation in elementary and sec-
- ondary schools with substantial proportions of mi-
- 17 nority students;
- 18 "(2) the development and implementation of
- magnet school projects that will assist local edu-
- cational agencies in achieving systemic reforms and
- providing all students the opportunity to meet chal-
- lenging State content standards and challenging
- 23 State student performance standards;
- 24 "(3) the development and design of innovative
- educational methods and practices that promote di-



1	versity and increase choices in public elementary and
2	secondary schools and educational programs; and
3	"(4) courses of instruction within magnet
4	schools that will substantially strengthen the knowl-
5	edge of academic subjects and the grasp of tangible
6	and marketable vocational and technical skills of
7	students attending such schools.
8	"SEC. 4402. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.

9 "The Secretary, in accordance with this part, is au-

10 thorized to make grants to eligible local educational agen-

11 cies, and consortia of such agencies where appropriate, to

12 carry out the purpose of this part for magnet schools that

13 are—

"(1) part of an approved desegregation plan;

15 and

16 "(2) designed to bring students from different

social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds to-

gether.

19 **"SEC. 4403. DEFINITION.** 

20 "For the purpose of this part, the term 'magnet

21 school' means a public elementary or secondary school or

22 public elementary or secondary education center that of-

23 fers a special curriculum capable of attracting substantial

24 numbers of students of different racial backgrounds.



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2	"A local educational agency, or consortium of such
3	agencies where appropriate, is eligible to receive assistance
4	under this part to carry out the purpose of this part if
5	such agency or consortium—

"(1) is implementing a plan undertaken pursuant to a final order issued by a court of the United States, or a court of any State, or any other State agency or official of competent jurisdiction, that requires the desegregation of minority-group-segregated children or faculty in the elementary and secondary schools of such agency; or

"(2) without having been required to do so, has adopted and is implementing, or will, if assistance is made available to such local educational agency or consortium of such agencies under this part, adopt and implement a plan that has been approved by the Secretary as adequate under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the desegregation of minority-group-segregated children or faculty in such schools.

## 22 "SEC. 4405. APPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

"(a) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible local educational agency, or consortium of such agencies, desiring to receive assistance under this part shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-



1	taining such information and assurances as the Secretary
2	may reasonably require.
3	"(b) Information and Assurances.—Each such
4	application shall include—
5	"(1) a description of—
6	"(A) how assistance made available under
7	this part will be used to promote desegregation
8	including how the proposed magnet school
9	project will increase interaction among students
10	of different social, economic, ethnic, and racia
11	backgrounds;
12	"(B) the manner and extent to which the
13	magnet school project will increase student
14	achievement in the instructional area or areas
15	offered by the school;
16	"(C) how an applicant will continue the
17	magnet school project after assistance under
18	this part is no longer available, including, if ap-
19	plicable, an explanation of why magnet schools
20	established or supported by the applicant with
21	funds under this part cannot be continued with-
22	out the use of funds under this part;
23	"(D) how funds under this part will be

used to improve student academic performance



1	for all students attending the magnet schools;
2	and
3	"(E) the criteria to be used in selecting
4	students to attend the proposed magnet school
5	projects; and
6	"(2) assurances that the applicant will—
7	"(A) use funds under this part for the pur-
8	pose specified in section 4401;
9	"(B) employ fully qualified teachers in the
10	courses of instruction assisted under this part;
11	"(C) not engage in discrimination based on
12	race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or dis-
13	ability in—
14	"(i) the hiring, promotion, or assign-
15	ment of employees of the agency or other
16	personnel for whom the agency has any ad-
17	ministrative responsibility;
18	"(ii) the assignment of students to
19	schools, or to courses of instruction within
20	the school, of such agency, except to carry
21	out the approved plan; and
22	"(iii) designing or operating extra-
23	curricular activities for students;



1	"(D) carry out a high-quality education
2	program that will encourage greater parental
3	decisionmaking and involvement; and
4	"(E) give students residing in the local at-
5	tendance area of the proposed magnet school
6	projects equitable consideration for placement
7	in those projects.
8	"SEC. 4406. PRIORITY.
9	"In approving applications under this part, the Sec-
10	retary shall give priority to applicants that—
11	"(1) demonstrate the greatest need for assist-
12	ance, based on the expense or difficulty of effectively
13	carrying out an approved desegregation plan and the
14	projects for which assistance is sought;
15	"(2) propose to carry out new magnet school
16	projects, or significantly revise existing magnet
17	school projects; and
18	"(3) propose to select students to attend mag-
19	net school projects by methods such as lottery, rath-
20	er than through academic examination.
21	"SEC. 4407. USE OF FUNDS.
22	"(a) In General.—Grant funds made available
23	under this part may be used by an eligible local edu-

24 cational agency or consortium of such agencies—



1	"(1) for planning and promotional activities di-
2	rectly related to the development, expansion, con-
3	tinuation, or enhancement of academic programs
4	and services offered at magnet schools;
5	"(2) for the acquisition of books, materials, and
6	equipment, including computers and the mainte-
7	nance and operation thereof, necessary for the con-
8	duct of programs in magnet schools;
9	"(3) for the payment, or subsidization of the
10	compensation, of elementary and secondary school
11	teachers who are fully qualified, and instructional
12	staff where applicable, who are necessary for the
13	conduct of programs in magnet schools;
14	"(4) with respect to a magnet school program
15	offered to less than the entire student population of
16	a school, for instructional activities that—
17	"(A) are designed to make available the
18	special curriculum that is offered by the magnet
19	school project to students who are enrolled in
20	the school but who are not enrolled in the mag-
21	net school program; and
22	"(B) further the purpose of this part; and
23	"(5) for activities, which may include profes-

sional development, that will build the recipient's ca-



- 1 pacity to operate magnet school programs once the
- 2 grant period has ended.
- 3 "(b) Special Rule.—Grant funds under this part
- 4 may be used in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3)
- 5 of subsection (a) only if the activities described in such
- 6 paragraphs are directly related to improving the students'
- 7 academic performance based on the State's challenging
- 8 content standards and challenging student performance
- 9 standards or directly related to improving the students'
- 10 reading skills or knowledge of mathematics, science, his-
- 11 tory, geography, English, foreign languages, art, or music,
- 12 or to improving vocational and technical skills.
- 13 **"SEC. 4408. PROHIBITIONS.**
- 14 "(a) Transportation.—Grants under this part may
- 15 not be used for transportation or any activity that does
- 16 not augment academic improvement.
- 17 "(b) PLANNING.—A local educational agency shall
- 18 not expend funds under this part after the third year that
- 19 such agency receives funds under this part for such
- 20 project.
- 21 **"SEC. 4409. LIMITATIONS.**
- 22 "(a) DURATION OF AWARDS.—A grant under this
- 23 part shall be awarded for a period that shall not exceed
- 24 three fiscal years.



- 1 "(b) LIMITATION ON PLANNING FUNDS.—A local
- 2 educational agency may expend for planning not more
- 3 than 50 percent of the funds received under this part for
- 4 the first year of the project, 15 percent of such funds for
- 5 the second such year, and 10 percent of such funds for
- 6 the third such year.
- 7 "(c) AMOUNT.—No local educational agency or con-
- 8 sortium awarded a grant under this part shall receive
- 9 more than \$4,000,000 under this part in any one fiscal
- 10 year.
- 11 "(d) TIMING.—To the extent practicable, the Sec-
- 12 retary shall award grants for any fiscal year under this
- 13 part not later than July 1 of the applicable fiscal year.
- 14 "SEC. 4410. EVALUATIONS.
- 15 "(a) RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve not
- 16 more than 2 percent of the funds appropriated under sec-
- 17 tion 4411(a) for any fiscal year to carry out evaluations,
- 18 technical assistance, and dissemination projects with re-
- 19 spect to magnet school projects and programs assisted
- 20 under this part.
- 21 "(b) CONTENTS.—Each evaluation described in sub-
- 22 section (a), at a minimum, shall address—
- "(1) how and the extent to which magnet school
- programs lead to educational quality and improve-
- 25 ment;



1	"(2) the extent to which magnet school pro-
2	grams enhance student access to quality education;
3	"(3) the extent to which magnet school pro-
4	grams lead to the elimination, reduction, or preven-
5	tion of minority group isolation in elementary and
6	secondary schools with substantial proportions of mi-
7	nority students; and
8	"(4) the extent to which magnet school pro-
9	grams differ from other school programs in terms of
10	the organizational characteristics and resource allo-
11	cations of such magnet school programs.
12	"SEC. 4411. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; RES-
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13 14 15	ERVATION.  "(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying
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13 14 15 16	**(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may
13 14 15 16 17 18	**(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.
13 14 15 16 17 18	"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.  "(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.  "(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO AGENCIES NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED.—In any fiscal
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.  "(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO AGENCIES NOT PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED.—In any fiscal year for which the amount appropriated pursuant to sub-
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	"(a) Authorization.—For the purpose of carrying out this part, there are authorized to be appropriated \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.  "(b) Availability of Funds for Grants to Agencies Not Previously Assisted.—In any fiscal year for which the amount appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) exceeds \$75,000,000, the Secretary shall give



25 part in the preceding fiscal year.".

#### l SEC. 432. CONTINUATION OF AWARDS.

- 2 Notwithstanding the amendment made by section
- 3 431, or any other provision of this Act, any local edu-
- 4 cational agency, or consortium of such agencies, that was
- 5 awarded a grant under section 5111 of the Elementary
- 6 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7211)
- 7 prior to the date of the enactment of this Act shall con-
- 8 tinue to receive funds in accordance with the terms of such
- 9 award until the date on which the award period terminates
- 10 under such terms.

